

Ohio Statewide System Reform Program - Family Drug Courts

VISION

Ohio will have a coordinated system that strengthens families and communities with enhanced integrated services for children and families with substance abuse and mental health needs.

MISSION

To establish a comprehensive strategy for statewide multisystem reform that improves outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system with substance abuse and mental health challenges.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal 1. Expand the scale of family dependency treatment courts in Ohio for existing FDTCs and to include additional court programs that will serve additional parents.

Objective 1. Identify parents with substance abuse issues who are in the child welfare system that are not participants in family drug courts.

Objective 2. Explore the expansion of family drug courts in other counties in Ohio

Objective 3. Implement the use of the data dashboard which is aggregate data from the child welfare system is sent via email to each local judge to promote the expansion of FDTC to more courts.

Goal 2. Expand the scope of the family drug courts in Oho and enhance the provision of services.

Objective 1. Enhance the case management system capacity of family drug courts through utilization of existing SACWIS functionality, private vendors, or developing data standards that courts may use to update their software.

Objective 2. Expand language access services to courts and treatment providers for families with limited English proficiency.

Objective 3. Expand services so that participants who do not have access to services can receive much needed substance abuse, mental health, healthcare, education, vocational training, job placement, housing placement, and childcare and other family support services for each participant who requires services.



Objective 4. Enhance service coordination and data sharing capabilities to improve overall delivery models to promote holistic responses to behavioral health needs.

Objective 5. Improve infrastructure and capacity of key stakeholders including Supreme Court of Ohio, ODJFS, OhioMHAS, to enhance addiction services coordination for children and youth with multi-system needs to ensure behavioral health concerns are addressed timely.

Goal 3. Expand the concept of infusion in Ohio juvenile courts.

Objective 1. Define infusion for Ohio juvenile courts processing dependency, neglect, and abuse cases.

Objective 2. Develop the essential elements from FDTCs that can be incorporated by a juvenile court during case processing for dependency, neglect abuse.

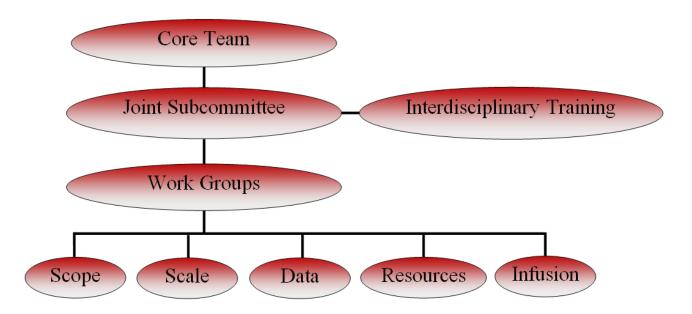
Objective 3. Expand the number of courts utilizing the concept of infusion in their case processing for dependency neglect abuse.

Objective 4. Develop tools to be utilized for courts exploring the concept of infusion.

Objective 5. Develop strategies for utilizing resources at the state and local levels to assist with incorporating infusion in dependency case processing.



OH SSRP Structure





Core Team

The core team oversees the work completed by each workgroup, ensures all grant goals and objectives are met, and provides support to the Joint Subcommittee. The core team is comprised individuals representing agencies who were necessary partners to submit the grant proposal including OhioMHAS, ODJFS, SCO, and the SCO Family and Children Section (Court Improvement Program partner).

Joint Subcommittee

The Joint Subcommittee is a joint organization between the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Specialized Dockets and the Advisory Committee on Children and Families which is responsible for the general oversight of grant activities. It is anticipated that the Joint Subcommittee will provide recommendations to their respective commission or advisory committee for approval. Any and all recommendations regarding state policy will arise through the Joint Subcommittee.

Data work group

Ohio's Statewide System Reform Program data workgroup is primarily responsible for identifying data collection gaps in the child welfare, treatment and court systems, identifying existing data sources to assist the collaborative effort at the state and local levels in addressing scale and scope, exploring and making recommendations to improve case management systems for Ohio FDTCs, and providing county level data packets for family symposium on June 23 and for local county teams attending SSRP symposia 1 and 2.

Scale work group

The scale workgroup is charged with finding the baseline of parents in the child welfare system with addiction issues who are potentially eligible for family dependency treatment courts who are not reaching family dependency treatment court. Scale is the rate of parents in the child welfare system with addiction issues who reach a family dependency treatment court. The scale workgroup will also recommend strategies for addressing capacity for Ohio FDTCs to reach the baseline.

Interdisciplinary Training work group

The interdisciplinary training work group will be primarily responsible for organizing symposium 1 that will bring the current FDTC teams together with new FDTC planning teams to develop local county level plans to address scale and scope. The interdisciplinary training workgroup will also be responsible for reviewing and approving both curricula developed for



existing teams and new teams in year 2 of the grant. The interdisciplinary workgroup will recommend strategies that can be used at the local level for on-going community cooperation and collaboration that supports families and children with addiction issues in the child welfare system.

Resources work group

The goal of the resources workgroup is to develop strategies at the state level that can be utilized by local communities in addressing scale and scope of families with addiction issues in the child welfare system. New funding may not always be available and the resource workgroup will analyze how re-allocation of existing resources can have an impact on building capacity for FDTC, addressing service gaps, incorporating infusion in dependency case processing, and implementing a new FDTC.

Scope work group

The goal of the scope workgroup is to identify any potential service gaps for families and children in the child welfare system at the state level, provide strategies for identifying gaps at the local level, develop recommendations to address the service gaps at the state level, and provide strategies that can be implemented at the local level to address the service gaps. Scope also incorporates recommendations for FDTCs concerning assessments and participant needs to enter treatment.

Infusion work group

Infusion is the concept of identifying the key elements of FDTCs that courts find the most effective in working with children and families in the child welfare system with addiction issues and incorporating those concepts in the juvenile court daily case dependency processing. The infusion workgroup is charged with defining infusion, identifying the key FDTC concepts, and providing tools to local communities to assist them with incorporating the concepts in local dependency case processing.